



MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2006

File No. 06-020601

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Rochelle Goss, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **SEPA LEAD AGENCY & MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has determined that it is Lead Agency for the following:

The 2006 Lynx Habitat Management Plan is a non-project proposal. It is developed in response to the federal listing of the species as threatened (USFWS 2000) and revises the 1996 DNR Lynx Habitat Management Plan (WDNR 1996) that had been developed in response to the Washington State listing of the species as threatened in 1993. The plan guides DNR in creating and preserving quality lynx habitat through its forest management activities. It allows DNR to meet state and federal requirements for protecting the lynx, while at the same time providing revenue through sustainable forest management, as well as meeting its other land management obligations (i.e. recreation). The plan covers approximately 126,212 acres of DNR-managed lands in each of the six Lynx Management Zones recognized by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Stinson 2001).

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and 2006 Lynx Habitat Management Plan can be viewed on DNR's website at:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>

Pursuant to WAC 332-41-504, this proposal was filed in the department's SEPA Center at the Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington Street SE, P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington, on February 6, 2006. We will consider comments on this proposed MDNS received by 4:30 p.m. on February 21, 2006. **Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at, sepacenter@wadnr.gov or P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.**